# **COMMON INCIDENT COMMAND CENTER SITUATIONS**

# **ABANDONED CONTAINERS**

(MAY 2005)

## **Leaking/Impacting Public Health or Environment**

<u>Potential Contacts and/or Report Distribution</u>: (BOLD = REQUIRED CONTACTS)

- Regional Office, An EER Incident Report can be faxed or emailed to DNR-HWP, EPA (when appropriate), and MoDOT (if along a highway). An e-mail is automatically generated to the Route 66 EER Office by checking the abandoned container box when filling out the EER Incident Report. Route 66 EER tracks these incidents to ensure they are completed. An automatic email is also generated to the designated OSC, however, the Duty Officer should contact the OSC directly to relay the information.
- MDNR Criminal Investigator & EPA/CID if improper disposal is an intentional act or if criminal activity is suspected.
- E-mail (January 4, 2005 memo on Guidance for EER E-Mail Messages) in an EER Response is made.

#### Duty Officer Considerations:

- An immediate EER Response is warranted;
  - if over 5 drums, use one of the EER contractors
  - if <5 drums, EER will handle, send at least two responders.
- Obtain specific and accurate directions to the site.
- Provide a description of the container(s) including volume, composition (e.g. steel, plastic), color, size, markings, any other unique features such as damaged, bulged, upright, on sides, dented, etc.
- Request detailed information on the nature of the leak; is the drum breached or just missing a bung.
- Have the EER responder sample (Flash point, VOA's, BNA's, PCB's, Total RCRA metals excluding mercury unless suspected, Pesticides maybe and TCLP if applicable), characterize, segregate, overpack (if necessary), and secure.
- Considerations may need to be made to relocate the container(s) to the Route 66 ISB or other facility (such MODOT shed) for safekeeping.

## Non Leaking/ No Threat

<u>Potential Contacts and/or Report Distribution</u>: (BOLD = REQUIRED CONTACTS)

- **Regional Office**, An EER Incident Report can be faxed or emailed to MoDOT (if along a highway). An e-mail is automatically generated and sent to the Route 66 EER Office by checking the abandoned container box when filling out the EER Incident Report. An automatic email is also generated to the designated OSC; however, the Duty Officer should contact the OSC directly to relay the information.
- MDNR Criminal & EPA/CID if evidence suggests.

### Duty Officer Considerations:

- EER immediate response may not be warranted.
- Contact EER regional staff to schedule a drive-by/preliminary investigation.
- Obtain specific and accurate directions to the site.
- Get description of container(s) including volume, composition (e.g. steel, plastic) color, size, markings, any other unique features such as damaged, bulged, upright, on sides, dented, etc.